

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Charlie Wilson issued the following statement regarding General David Petraeus' and Ambassador Ryan Crocker's testimony:

"The message from General Petraeus and Ambassador Crocker is that there's no end in sight for the war in Iraq. That's not good enough. The troops have done their job and done it well. But, there's been almost no political progress in Iraq; and we just keep pouring our troops and money into it.

Bear in mind, Iraq is running a budget surplus while our economy is suffering. We're spending \$339 million a day in Iraq and the government in Iraq isn't even helping itself. It's difficult to spend that and not have success. With \$339 million we could put more than 2,000 agents on our borders for a year. We could vaccinate 317,000 children. We could provide more than 2.5 million Americans access to medical and dental care at community health centers.

The American people want a new direction in Iraq, not 100 more years of war. We need a plan for withdrawal."